

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

EXAMINING GROUP 1600

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 15, 2002, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 13 (amended) in twice-amended form as follows:

(Twice-amended). A method of inhibiting the cytocidal effect of TNF without blocking TNF binding to the p75 TNF receptor (residues 27-210 of SEQ ID NO:2), comprising bringing to the vicinity of the p75 TNF receptor a peptide or antibody comprising the antigen binding portion of an antibody which binds to the fourth cysteine rich domain of the p75 TNF receptor, which domain consists of the sequence of amino acid

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